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HURDLES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MPLAD SCHEME
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the hurdles encountered in the smooth implementation of MPLAD Scheme; and

(b) the efforts made by Government to overcome the hurdles ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a)&(b): The performance of the MPLAD Scheme is commendable. The cumulative percentage utilization of funds over release since inception of the Scheme is as high as 89.31% as on 31-10-2007 and the percentage of works completed to sanctioned is 91.97%. Various pro-active policy initiatives have been undertaken by the Ministry, including the revision of MPLADS Guidelines in November, 2005, which have resulted in further streamlining the implementation of the Scheme. There are as such no major hurdles or problems which require any major policy interventions by the Ministry. Local hurdles and bottlenecks such as non-submission of Audit Certificates, Utilization Certificates, eligible Monthly Progress Reports etc., which delay the process of release of funds, are taken up with the State Governments. Review meetings are also held regularly with the States/UTs Government officials.